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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 28, 2007, in which the examiner has required election of one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-18, 24-25 drawn to a method, classified in class 427, subclass 376.1;
and
- II. Claims 19-23, drawn to an article, classified in class 428, subclass 457.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects, without traverse, the method set forth in Claims 1-18 and 24-25 of Group I for further prosecution on the merits in this application.

A petition for a one-month extension of time, including the required fee, is attached hereto making this response due by August 28, 2007.

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Should any formalities remain, the examiner is respectfully requested to phone the undersigned attorney to expedite examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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